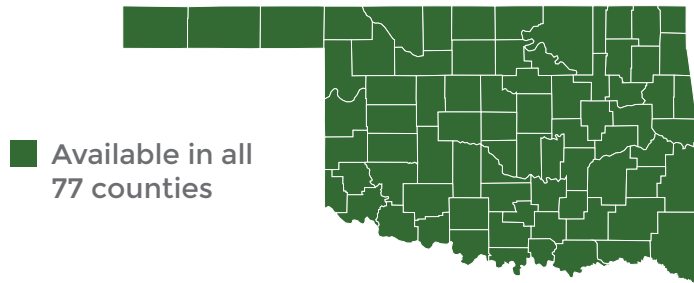




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Offender Screening

Fact Sheet



The Offender Screening Program began in 2013 with 37 counties and is now available in all 77 counties in Oklahoma with over 45,000 defendants screened as of December 2020.

 **45K**
Defendants Screened
as of Dec. 2020

Offender Screenings have been shown to:



Expedite dockets



Reduce costs



Connect defendants with needed treatment

- Nationally supported, evidence-based sentencing strategy.
- Utilizes scientifically validated tools.
- The best long term results happen by matching defendants to the right level of supervision and services.
- Three things considered: criminogenic risk (likelihood of reoffending without intervention), substance abuse treatment need, and mental health treatment need.

The Process



Felony Arrest



Screening by
ODMHSAS
Approved
Screener



Results Provided
to Judge, District
Attorney &
Defense Attorney



Court Makes
Final Decision

3 Key Points



Screenings are voluntary



Defendants will not be asked about the facts of their current case



There is no cost to the defendants for the screening

There will never be a recommendation for prison. Screenings should be interpreted as “if community-based supervision is an option, here are the available services that would result in the best outcome for the defendant and the public.”

Statewide Trends and Benefits

- Offender screening (OS) has reduced the average time an offender spends awaiting sentencing by 57 days, resulting in \$15.5 million dollars in jail cost savings. (This is based on time between arrest and final disposition in FY13, pre OS and FY16, post OS and on the number of offenders screened in FY16).
- OS provides an opportunity to match defendants to all local available services and diversions to reduce further criminal justice involvement
- Veterans who are screened are also referred for appropriate local veteran services.
- The appropriate use of the OS program after initial arrest should provide more appropriate service referral recommendations, thus leading to better overall diversion program outcomes.